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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

The documents included in this IDS was first cited in a Japanese Office Action dated July 25, 2008. A copy of the Japanese Office Action and English translation is enclosed. Pursuant to the new rules, copies of the U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications are not included but will be provided on request.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that
consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449. The following
documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 are in a language other than English:

1) JP 2000-273264: The relevance of this document may be understood by the English language abstract attached thereto, the figures therein and the discussion in the Japanese Office Action.

2) JP 62-838854: The relevance of this document may be understood by the English language abstract attached thereto, the corresponding U.S. Patent No. 4,963,494, the figures therein and the discussion in the Japanese Office Action.

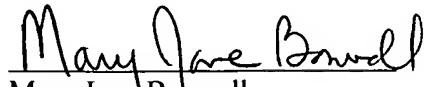
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